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MATERNITY BENEFIT TO WOMEN WORKERS IN UNORGANISED SECTOR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to provide maternity leave and benefit to women workers employed in unorganised sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to create a corpus fund and to pay a fix amount to women workers during pregnancy to protect the dignity of motherhood; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Under an ongoing scheme, financial assistance @ Rs. 1000/- per delivery for first two deliveries is provided to the unorganised sector women workers engaged in Beedi, Cine sector and certain Non-Coal Mines under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund, Cine Workers Welfare Fund, Limestone and Dolomite Labour Welfare Fund and Iron Ore, Manganese Ore and Chrome Ore Mines Labour Welfare Fund administered by the Labour Welfare Organisation under the Ministry of Labour & Employment.

(c): There is no proposal to create a corpus fund at present.

(d): Does not arise.